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A man who once had a place of honor in the office of Pres. Kennedy's National Security Council, Marcus Raskin, heads up IPS's Program 2, which at the moment is collecting information about the men who handle security for the nation's industrial plants. Raskin, another Liberal Papers author, was once on Ramparts board of directors, and was an outspoken critic of the CIA and the National Security Agency and other intelligence organizations. In mid-August Raskin sent a letter to the public relations departments of 500 American companies, informing the PR men: "I am doing a study of the problems of industrial security. As a starting point I would appreciate any written materials which you might have concerning this question including a biographical resume of the person or persons in charge of your security program. Thank you very much." PR men habitually respond to such inquiries without asking questions themselves. Contacted by COMBAT, Raskin said he was doing the research for a book which would show "the class background and educational background of the men who head various programs, who are part of the business elite." He said one of his interests was to find out what happened to ex-military officers and ex-FBI agents. Most American firms will not conceal the background of their security managers, but when a man who in the past has attacked national security programs (e.g., nuclear testing, Skybolt missiles, etc.) tries to compile a filing cabinet of dossiers on the men who guard the country's industrial plants, security agents are suspicious. Not suspicious enough, though. Raskin told COMBAT he has received more than 200 replies.